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Application No. 09/826,932

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ronald John VEITCH et al.

Group Art Unit : 1773

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Examiner : Ahmed

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For : MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.112
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 12, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2003, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until March 12, 2004.

Applicants note that this response is being submitted by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and the government fees associated therewith should not be necessary.

However, if any extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.